

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RONALD F. MARTINEZ,) Case No.: 1:21-cv-1495 JLT CDB
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Plaintiff,) ORDER CONSTRUING PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS
) FOR SCREENING AS MOTIONS FOR A STATUS
) UPDATE AND GRANTING THE REQUEST
)
v.) (Docs. 22, 23, 26, and 27)
C. RODRIGUEZ,)
Defendant.)
)

Plaintiff initiated this action seeking to hold the defendant liable for violations of his civil rights pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (See Doc. 1.) The Court has received several motions from Plaintiff requesting that his complaint be screened, dating back to June 15, 2022, which the Court construes as motions for status updates.

Plaintiff is advised that the Eastern District is one of the busiest courts in the country and remains under a judicial emergency. The filing of multiple motions for status and screening—such as those filed by Plaintiff in this action on June 15, 2022; August 18, 2022; January 30, 2023; and February 21, 2023—further strains the limited resources of the Court. Nevertheless, Plaintiff is informed that the matter has been referred to a United States magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302. The current magistrate judge was assigned to the action in October 2022, immediately following his appointment to the position. Plaintiff's complaint will be screened pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 as soon as is practicable given the Court's extraordinary workload.

Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS**:

1. The motions construed as requests for status updates (Docs. 22, 23, and 26), are **GRANTED**.
2. Plaintiff's motion requesting a ruling on the previously filed matters (Doc. 27) is **GRANTED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **February 23, 2023**

Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE